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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL COMMISSION MEETING IN MOSCOW

1. FOLLOWING IS LETTER SIGNED SEPTEMBER 17 BY TREASURY SECRETARY GEORGE P. SHULTZ ADDRESSED TO SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER PATOLICHEV. LETTER CONCERNS COMMERCIAL COMMISSION MEETING IN MOSCOW AND ENCLOSES SUGGESTED REVISED AGENDA.

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2. DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I APPRECIATE YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 29 CONCERNING THE AGENDA FOR THE COMING MEETING OF THE US-USSR COMMERCIAL COMMISSION IN MOSCOW. IT IS CLEAR THAT OUR THINKING HAS BEEN IN MOST RESPECTS MOVING IN PARALLEL LINES.

YOUR SUGGESTION THAT WE DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF PROJECTS TO MANUFACTURE ENERGY-CONSUMING PRODUCTS SEEMS TO ME TO BE A GOOD ADDITION AND I SUGGEST THAT WE PLAN TO HAVE THE WORKING GROUP ON "INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES" GIVE SPECIFIC ATTENTION TO THIS SUBJECT.

I HAVE THE FEELING THAT IT WOULD NOT BE TIMELY TO MAKE EXPLICIT REFERENCE ON THE AGENDA TO A LONG-TERM AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, AT THE SAME TIME, I WOULD BE PERSONALLY INTERESTED TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS ABOUT THE PURPOSES AND CONTENT OF ANY SUCH AGREEMENT SO THAT WE COULD GIVE THOUGHT TO IT OVER THE COMING MONTHS.

WITH RESPECT TO THE OPENING OF TRADE OFFICES IN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW, I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT DUE NOTE BE TAKEN OF THOSE EVENTS IN THE AGREED MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING, RATHER THAN THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES OR A SEPARATE PROTOCOL.

IN LINE WITH THESE THOUGHTS, I AM ENCLOSING OUR PROPOSAL FOR A REVISED AGENDA WHICH I HOPE WILL MEET BOTH OUR NEEDS.

OUR GROUP WILL COME PREPARED TO EXCHANGE LETTERS WITH YOU EXTENDING THE EXISTENCE OF THE KAMA PURCHASING COMMISSION IN NEW YORK AND WE SHALL BE READY TO DISCUSS WITH YOU THE QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR IT.

SECRETARY DENT AND I, AS WELL AS THE OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR DELEGATION ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES IN MOSCOW.

SINCERELY YOURS,
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GEORGE P. SHULTZ.

REVISED AGENDA

3. 1ST PLENARY SESSION

GENERAL REVIEW OF US-USSR ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL RELATIONS

ASSIGNMENT OF TOPICS FOR REVIEW BY WORKING GROUPS ON:

BUSINESS FACILITATION
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES
LNG
FINANCING

2ND PLENARY SESSION

WORKING GROUPS REPORT

REPORT ON PROGRESS ON JOINT US-USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON KAMA PURCHASING COMMISSION

CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE WORK OF COMMISSION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SESSIONS

INAUGURATION OF EXPANDED TRADE REPRESENTATION AND
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